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For: NEUROTRANSMITTER SIGNALING CAN

REGULATE LIFE SPAN IN C. ELEGANS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.